CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) re : *Malpractices in the admission of Children in Little Flower Convent School, Hospet*

Sri B. SATYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—I call the attention of the Minister for Education to malpractices in the admission of children in Little Flower Convent School, Hospet.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—I state as follows : Regarding the Calling Attention Notice No. 90 of the hon. Member, each item raised by the Member from (a) to (h) is replied as under as per our information ;

(*a*) Little Flower Convent, School Hospet, is an institution with English Medium not receiving any aid from the Department. However, the Management are collecting Rs. 10 p.m. as tuition fee for Standards I to IV and Rs. 12 p.m. for Standards V and VI.

(*b*) As per our information, the following is the enrolment of the children as on to-day :

		Boys	*Girls*	*Total*
I	'A'	41	25	66
	'B'	37	20	57
II	'A'	49	24	73
	'B'	51	27	78
III	'A'	48	30	78
	IV	38	16	54
	V	26	17	43
	VI	14	17	31
	VII	18	10	28
	Total	322	186	508

(c) and (b) At present, there are nine teachers for the total strength of 508 pupils. Hence the average comes to 56. However, it is gathered that the institution proposes to have three more sections and three more teachers for this purpose. This would release the pressure on each class and it is proposed to restrict the strength of the sections to 60. Thus, there will be adequate staff for the institution after the addition of 3 more teachers.

(*e*) As regards the matter of the institution taking receipt for more amount than is actually paid to the teaching staff, Government have no information in this. If the hon. member has any information, it will be looked into.

(SRI A. R. BADARINARAYANA)

(*f*) The institution is not collecting 10 paise as penalty from each pupil, on compulsory basis, for coming late to the school. However, it is gathered that a Defence Fund Box is kept in the school and it is left to the discretion of pupils to donate for this purpose.

(*g*) It is confirmed that a fee of Rs. 15 is collected for every child admitted to the Nursery.

After giving the above factual information, I may bring to the notice of the House that this institution is an English Medium School without any aid from the department. Accordingly, they are collecting tuition fee from all the pupils to defray expenditure of salary of the staff and maintenance of the school.

Thus we see that there does not appear to be any illegal collection of fees, and no malpractice as such has been brought to the notice of Government.

2-0) P.M.

Sri B. SATYANARAYAN SINGH.—Is the Government aware that this school is running Kannada medium section also and getting the grants from Government ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—I have no information about that.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Just because this is an English Medium School and is not getting grants from Government does it mean that they should charge fees ?

Sri A.R. BADARINARAYANA.—This is a private school and they are not getting any grants from Government. The students are at liberty to join or not to join the said school. But the Government has obligation to open schools and Government schools are there to admit students. This being a private school it would not be possible to force them not to collect fees.

Sri B. SATYANARAYAN SINGH.—Are there any rules to regulate collection of fees in schools which are not receiving grants and if not, is there any proposal to frame such rules ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—At present there are no such rules. Since the hon. Member has made a suggestion now it will be considered.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾವು ಏನಾದರೂ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಏಕೆ ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಹತೋಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡ ಬಾರದು ? ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಫೀ ಕಲೆಕ್ಷ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏಕೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಾರದು ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—Permission to run the institution has been given. It would not be proper for us to force them to admit students without payment of fees. However, Government will fulfil its obligation to provide free and compulsory education to the children in Government Schools.

Sri B. SATYANARAYAN SINGH.—Since the institution is making a good business by way of fees collections, atleast while renewing the recognition of the said school for next year will the Government put some restrictions on collection of fees ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—If the hon. Member brings it to my notice separately that they are collecting exhorbitant fees, I shall have it examined.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Next calling attention notice by hon. Member Sri Kalmankar.

(*ii*) re : *Non-allocation of pay in the Revised Pay Scale of teachers of junior colleges*

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Education to the non-allocation of pay in the revised pay scale of teachers of Junior Colleges.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—I wish to make the following statement.

In this connection, the Board of Pre-University Education has resolved that the pay scales of the Principals of Junior Colleges should be in the grade of Rs. 400-950 and those of Lecturers in the grade of Rs. 300-700. These recommendation are now under active consideration of Government and a Government Order in this behalf is expected to be issued very shortly. As soon as the Government order is issued, the Lecturers would be allocated in their appropriate grades.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—In many of the Private Colleges where XI Standard classes are being conducted which have now been converted into Junior Colleges, the teachers handling XI standard classes are not getting any new scales and thereby they are disappointed. In view of this will the Government see that those teachers also get the benefit of the new scales ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—The Lecturers need not get disappointed. They will be given what they deserve.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೊಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಜೂನಿಯರ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸರ್ಕಾರೀ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಗಳಿಗೆ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸ್ಟರ್ ಡಿಗ್ರಿ ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಒಂದೇ ಸ್ಕೇಲ್, ಒಂದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಸಂಬಳಸಾರಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡದೆ ಏಕೆ ತಾರತಮ್ಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ? ಇದನ್ನು ಸರಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—If there is any disparity it will be looked into.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—There are some composite Junior Colleges in Belgaum and they are not getting grants. Will the Government see that they are given grants ?